

**RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****PROVIDER UPDATE****ALL PROVIDERS****REMITTANCE ADVICE GOING TO ELECTRONIC FORMAT**

In ongoing efforts to cut costs and streamline processes, The Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program will soon discontinue mailing paper remittance advice. The target effective date is December 1, 2009. All remittance advices will be available to providers for downloading and/or printing on the Department of Human Services (DHS) website only. **Paper copies will not be mailed after the effective date.**

If you do not currently have an active Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) with DHS, you are strongly encouraged to obtain one immediately. You will not be able to access your remittance advice until you have a Trading Partner number. The TPA request/application and instructions can be found on the website at <http://www.dhs.ri.gov/ForProvidersVendors/MedicalAssistanceProviders/FormsApplications/tabid/164/Default.aspx>.

Further information will follow in coming Provider Updates. Should you have urgent questions, please contact the Customer Service Help Desk at 401-784-8100 or your Provider Representative.

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**ALL PROVIDERS**

**HIPAA -2 UPDATE**

Full compliance date for 5010 is January 1, 2012. Will you be ready? How does this affect current HIPAA transactions? This final rule mandates adoption of newer versions of the original HIPAA standard transactions.

What transactions are affected?

- 837P, I and D: Professional, Institutional, and Dental
- 270-271 Eligibility inquiry and response
- 276-277 Health care claim status and response
- 835 – Health care payment and remittance advice
- NCPDP D.O POS Retail Pharmacy Drug and Professional services claims

What you should be doing? – Contact your software vendor. If you currently use the Provider Electronic Solutions look for upgrades in the near future.

For additional information the CMS link below has been provided for your convenience:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/18\\_5010D0.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/18_5010D0.asp)

**NON EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION**

The RI Department of Human Services is pleased to announce that certain Medicaid clients who need non-emergency transportation to medical appointments will now have access to Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) fixed route buses, RIDE vans, and taxis in addition to other forms of medically appropriate transportation.

Effective November 2, 2009, most disabled adult and elderly Medicaid clients who need non-emergency medical transportation to methadone treatment will receive transportation through fixed route RIPTA buses. Medicaid clients are now eligible to receive a five-year bus pass for disabled persons through RIPTA. Clients in need of a bus pass for medical transportation should speak with their Methadone provider to have the appropriate form completed.

DHS plans to continue this transportation reform effort over the coming months, in effort to provide medically appropriate, cost-effective non-emergency transportation to all Medicaid clients.

## **HOSPICE PROVIDERS**

### **RATE INCREASE**

Effective October 1, 2009, the rates for Hospice Care are as follows:

Code	Description	Rate
T2042	Hospice Routine Home Care: Per Diem	\$143.10
T2043	Hospice Care – Continuous Home Care: Per Hour	\$34.77
T2044	Hospice Inpatient Respite Care: Per Diem	\$155.61
T2045	Hospice General Inpatient Care: Per Diem	\$635.74

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alfred Izzo at 401-784-8858 or [alfred.izzo@hp.com](mailto:alfred.izzo@hp.com)

### **HOSPICE UPDATE**

Effective October 1, 2009, hospice eligibility for recipients receiving their care in a nursing home will be updated by the long term care worker based on the Hospice Election Form that is sent to DHS. Currently, hospice eligibility is updated when DHS receives a “discharge to hospice” slip from the Nursing Home.

Effective October 1, 2009, please send your hospice election forms to the appropriate Long Term Care office. Please be sure to include the recipients MID(SSN) and the name of the nursing home in which the recipient is receiving care. The election form should be faxed to the appropriate Long Term Care office. The contact information for each office follows:

	FAX	TELEPHONE
Providence.....	(401) 222-7333.....	(401) 222-7000
Cranston.....	(401) 462-3034.....	(401) 462-5182
East Providence.....	(401) 222-7333.....	(401) 222-7311
Newport.....	(401) 849-9066.....	(800) 675-9397
Woonsocket.....	(401) 235-6479.....	(401)235-6300

Once the LTC worker enters the authorization for hospice and determines the recipients share, the authorization and share information will be faxed to you.

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## **NURSING HOME PROVIDERS**

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If you have a recipient that is discharged to hospice, you no longer need to send a discharge slip to your long term care worker. The updates will be made based on the Hospice Election Form that is received. Please continue to send all other admissions and discharge slips as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Alfred Izzo at 401-784-8858 or [alfred.izzo@hp.com](mailto:alfred.izzo@hp.com)

## **OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL PROVIDERS**

### **OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL PRICING CHANGE**

Effective for dates of service beginning October 1, 2009, RI Medical Assistance will be pricing outpatient claims utilizing a version of the Medicare Fee Schedule and with Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) codes. This implementation will occur on October 5, 2009 for any claims processed with a date of service on or after October 1, 2009.

The new pricing will not be applied to Medicare Crossover claims, Rite Share claims or claims processed through the Managed Care plans.

For more detailed information on this important change, please access the following link:  
[http://www.dhs.ri.gov/ForProvidersVendors/MedicalAssistanceProviders/ProviderTypes/Hospitals/  
tabid/862/Default.aspx](http://www.dhs.ri.gov/ForProvidersVendors/MedicalAssistanceProviders/ProviderTypes/Hospitals/tabid/862/Default.aspx)

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